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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11-3-05.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 9,10 and 20-27 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 11-19 and 28 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Specification

2. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

3. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the abstract should be limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Objections

4. Claims 11, 12, 14, are objected to because of the following informalities:
Claims 11,12,14 depends on cancelled claim 9.. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1-8, 11-19 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Usui et al (5,347,294).

Regarding Claim 1, Usui et al teaches a display device comprising: a liquid crystal display (LCD) comprising first and second liquid crystal cells positioned along a first axis of the display device (Col.2, line 2-13); a first display driver (23 in fig.8) for driving the first liquid crystal cell in a first direction and in a second direction (Fig.8, Column 8, line 42- col.10, line 40; Figs.12,15; Col.15, line 20- col.16, line 50); a second display driver (24 in fig.8) for driving the second liquid crystal cell in a first direction and in a second direction (Fig.8, Column 8, line 42- col.10, line 40; Figs.12,15; Col.15, line 20- col.16, line 50); and means for synchronizing the first and second display drivers (Fig.8, Col.8, line 55- col.9, line 17); and wherein the first and second display drivers are positioned at opposed sides of the LCD. (Fig.8; Col.8, line 42-54; Figs.12,15; Col.15, line 20- col.16, line 50).

Regarding Claim 2, Usui et al teaches a display device wherein the first and second display drivers are positioned at opposed sides of the LCD along the first axis of the display device. (Fig.8; Col.8, line 42-54).

Regarding Claims 3-4, Usui et al teaches a display device wherein the first axis extends in the direction of the height of the LCD; and the first axis extends in the direction of the width of the LCD. (Col.1, line 25- col.2, line 16).

Regarding Claims 5-8, Usui et al teaches a display device wherein the LCD is substantially symmetrical about a bisector; the bisector is the first axis; and the bisector is a second axis perpendicular to the first (Fig.3; Col.4, line 31- col.5, line 31).

Regarding Claim 11, Usui et al teaches a display arrangement wherein the intermediate element interconnects the first and second drivers for synchronization. (Fig.8, Col.8, line 55- col.9, line 17).

Regarding Claims 12 ,13, Usui et al teaches a display arrangement wherein the intermediate element is flexible and a flexible printed circuit (FPC) foil. (Figs. 3,8; Col.4, lines 31-58).

Regarding Claim 14, Usui et al teaches a display arrangement wherein the intermediate display element comprises display device power control circuitry which is same as voltage selector (92 and 93 in fig.8). (Fig.8; Col.9, lines 1-17).

Regarding Claim 15, Usui et al teaches a display arrangement wherein the display device further comprises first and second flexible driver supports for supporting the respective first and second drivers (Figs. 3,8; Col.4, lines 31-58; Col.8, line 42-54).

Regarding Claims 16-17, Usui et al teaches a display arrangement wherein the flexible driver supports flex to contact the LCD and the intermediate element; and the flexible driver supports are FPC foils. (Figs. 3,8; Col.4, lines 31-58; Col.8, line 42-54).

Regarding Claims 18-19, Usui et al teaches a display module and a portable device comprising a display device. (Figs. 1,3,8; Col.3, lines 25-32).

Regarding Claim 28, Usui et al teaches a display device comprising: a liquid crystal display (LCD) comprising first and second liquid crystal cells positioned along a first axis of the display device (Col.2, line 2-13); a first display driver (23 in fig.8) for driving the first liquid crystal cell in a first direction and in a second direction (Fig.8, Column 8, line 42- col.10, line 40; Figs.12,15; Col.15, line 20- col.16, line 50); a second display driver (24 in fig.8) for driving the second liquid crystal cell in a first direction and in a second direction (Fig.8, Column 8, line 42- col.10, line 40; Figs.12,15; Col.15, line 20- col.16, line 50); and means for synchronizing the first and second display drivers (Fig.8, Col.8, line 55- col.9, line 17); a connector for connecting display device circuitry to an external element (51 in fig.8), and an intermediate element (23 and 24 in fig.8) for interfacing the display device and the connector (Fig.8; Col.8, line 42- col.9, line 65); wherein the first and second display drivers are positioned at opposed sides of the LCD and the intermediate element is located substantially behind the LCD. (Fig.8; Col.8, line 42- col.9, line 65; Figs.12,15; Col.15, line 20- col.16, line 50).

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to Claims 1-8, 11-19, and 28 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

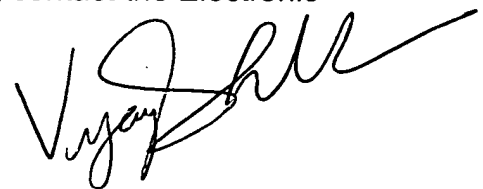
Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Kubota et al, Asada et al, and Firester et al all teach the LCD.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to VIJAY SHANKAR whose telephone number is 703-305-4763. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:00-6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, BIPIN SHALWALA can be reached on 703-305-4938. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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